PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP)

You may be eligible for the PASP if you:

- ✔ are a New Jersey resident;
- ✔ have a permanent, physical disability;
- ✔ are between the ages of 18 and 70;
- ✔ are employed, attending an educational or training program, or volunteering in the community;
- ✔ are living in the community; and
- ✔ are capable of directing and supervising your own services.
- ✔ are employed, preparing for employment, attending an educational or training program, or participating in community-based activities, such as volunteering.

WHAT IS THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM?

The PASP offers consumers choice, flexibility, control and the opportunity to manage their personal care services through the receipt of a cash allowance. Consumers, with the assistance of the PASP County Consultant, are required to develop and use a cash management plan (CMP) that is designed to meet their personal assistance needs.

The PASP allows consumers to receive up to 40 hours of service per week, enabling them to maintain their independence in the community. Personal assistants help with tasks as light housekeeping, bathing, dressing, meal preparation, shopping, driving or using public transportation.

The PASP allows YOU to have more control over your life.

- ✔ YOU make the decisions!
- ✔ YOU decide what you want!
- ✔ YOU receive a grant every month to buy your own services!

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE PASP?

As a participant in the PASP you are able to:

- ✔ Decide exactly which services you need and want.
- ✔ Choose who will provide them (agency, friends, family, spouse).
- ✔ Tailor the services to meet your schedule.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The service hours you are assessed for, under PASP will be "cashed out" and placed into your own personal account that is maintained by the State contracted Fiscal Intermediary Service Organization (FISO) which serves as the "business agent" for the consumer.

You will receive a monthly grant to be used in meeting your personal assistance needs. The size of your grant will be based on a needs assessment.

You will be responsible for developing a Cash Management Plan (CMP) with the help of your PASP County Consultant to indicate how you intend to spend your grant. Your PASP County Consultant is trained as a counselor, guide and teacher to help you decide how to manage and pay for services, and make the most of the grant you receive.

You can use your monthly grant to purchase things like;

- ✔ Employing individuals, including family members, friends and relatives to provide personal assistance.
- ✔ Services from home care providers or temporary help agencies.
- ✔ Background checks and benefits for employees.
- ✔ Rental or homeowner's insurance, or other liability insurance as it relates to consumer's role of employer.
- ✔ Personal assistance services training and education for workers.
- ✔ Chore services, including outside chores that provide for a safe environment and access in and out of the home.
- ✔ Cleaning service from firms or individuals.
- ✔ The home modifications such as ramps and grab bars, installation of visual or tactile alarms and other modifications not currently paid for by other program resources.
- ✔ Supplies and equipment that promote or enhance independence that are not currently paid for by other program resources.
- ✔ Food preparation and delivery of prepared foods.
- ✔ Laundry services from a laundromat or other provider.
- ✔ Errand service to assist with banking, shopping and other routine tasks.

You can use your grant in any combination of service arrangements that you feel will work best for you. The choices are YOURS

HOW WILL MY GRANT BE MANAGED AND MY BILLS PAID?

The FISO handles the distribution of payroll checks and other disbursements, at the direction of the consumer.

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